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Applicant: Ioannis Pallikaris et al.
Re: Serial No.: 09/911,356
Filing Date: July 23, 2001
Group Art No. 3731
Title of Invention: DEVICE FOR SEPARATING THE EPITHELIUM LAYER
FROM THE SURFACE OF THE CORNEA OF AN EYE

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Request for Reinstatement of Patent Term; Copy of PAIR report; Copy of Response to Notice to File Missing Parts, dated October 22, 2001; Copy of return receipt post card, stamped January 29, 2002, acknowledging same; Copy of Request for Substitute Papers.

TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 10781/9
Serial No. 09/911,356	Filing Date July 23, 2001	Examiner Victor X. Nguyen	Group Art Unit 3731
Inventor(s) IOANNIS PALLIKARIS, ET AL.			
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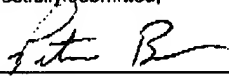
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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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Respectfully submitted,


 Peter C. Breen
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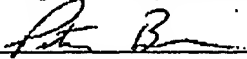
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Serial No. 09/911,356

Filing Date: July 23, 2001

For **DEVICE FOR SEPARATING THE
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SURFACE OF THE CORNEA OF
AN EYE**

Examiner: Victor X. Nguyen

Group Art Unit No. 3731

**REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT
OF PATENT TERM**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants received a Determination of Patent Term Adjustment Under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) for the above-identified application. The Determination indicates that the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 days. The Patent Term Adjustment, however, was improperly shortened by 306 days due to delay beyond the Applicants' control. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully request the Commissioner to

reinstate 306 days of Applicants' Patent Term Extension, for a total Patent Term Extension of 119 days.

According to the Patent Application Information Retrieval system, 306 days were deducted from Applicants' Patent Term Adjustment due to a delay in the USPTO's receipt of Applicants' Response to a Notice to File Missing Parts. (A convenience copy of the PAIR report is attached.) Applicants mailed a complete Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts well within the 3-month grace period permitted under 37 CFR 1.704(b). However, the USPTO did not receive Applicants' Response until after the end of the 3-month grace period due to delays in the delivery of first class mail caused by the anthrax incidents of October and November 2001. Moreover, there appears to have been an unexplained delay in the USPTO in processing the Response, potentially due to damage from the US Postal Service sanitization process. In spite of all due care, and because of the delay in delivery and processing of Applicants' Response to the USPTO, the Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts was not recorded within the 3-month grace period.

The Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed on September 13, 2001. Applicants' Responses were deposited with sufficient postage as first class mail with the United States Postal Service on October 22, 2001, as evidenced by the Certificate of Mailing on the face of the response. (A convenience copy of the Response, including the Certificate of Mailing, is attached.)

Applicants' Response was received at the USPTO on January 29, 2002—47 days after the end of the 3-month grace period under 37 CFR 1.704(b). Applicants' file was complete as of this date. Due to an apparent error at the USPTO, however, Applicants' file was not declared complete until October 15, 2002—306 days after the end of the 3-month grace period.

Pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice of December 20, 2001, Applicants should not be penalized for this delay with a reduction in the Patent Term Adjustment. Applicants mailed the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts after October 13, 2001, and before December 1, 2001, and this Request otherwise meets the substantive and procedural requirements of the Official Gazette Notice.

For the reasons set forth above, and pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice of December 20, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reinstatement of 306 days of the Patent Term Extension in this case, for a total Patent Term Extension of 119 days. Pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice of December 20, 2001, Applicants understand that the requirements of 37 CFR 1.705 (including fees) are waived. If fees are not waived, Applicants request that necessary fees be refunded because Applicants responded with due care in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts and any error appears to be on the part of the PAIR system.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any necessary fees associated with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Registration No. 47,441
Attorney for Applicants

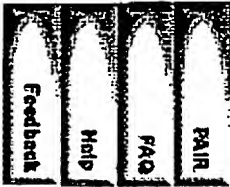
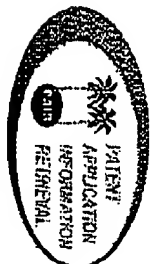
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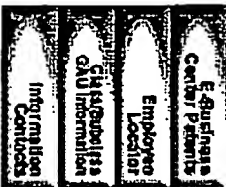
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Issue Date of Patent: -		Three Years: -	
Pre-Issue Petitions (days): +0		Applicant Delay (Appl):	344
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28	01-21-2004	Mail Notice of Allowance		
27	01-20-2004	Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed		
26	01-20-2004	Notice of Allowability		
25	01-06-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
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22	08-27-2003	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)		
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20	06-14-2003	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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					Total add'l fee	\$27		Total add'l fee	\$

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Respectfully submitted,

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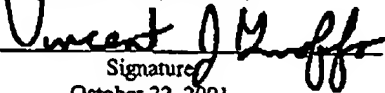
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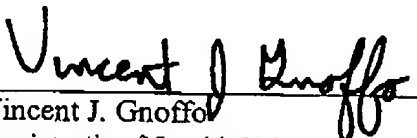
In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted dated September 13, 2001, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

- ☒ Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application.

- ☒ Applicant is:
- ☒ a small entity, verified statement is:
- ☐ attached
- ☐ already filed
- ☐ other than small entity
- ☒ Checks totaling \$502 for:
- ☒ Filing Fee of \$370.
- ☒ Surcharge of \$60.
- ☒ Additional Claim Fees of \$27.
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).
- ☐ Other: _____.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 22, 2001


Vincent J. Gnoffo
Registration No. 44,714
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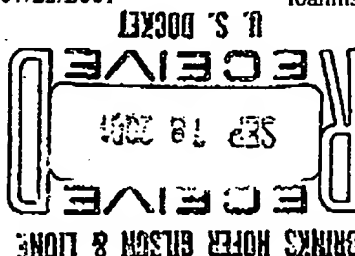


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).


- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 355 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$27.
 ▪ \$27 for 3 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 447.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Case No. 10781/9
Applicant PALLIKARIS et al.

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Applicant: PALLIKARIS, Ioannis et al.

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Title: Device for separating the epithelium layer from the surface of the cornea of an eye

Date Mailed: 09/23/2002

Request for Substitute Papers

The papers filed on 01/29/02 (certificate of mailing dated 10/22/01) are no longer in condition to become part of the permanent records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for this application (37 CFR 1.52(a)) due to the United States Postal Service sanitization process.

The USPTO requests that applicant provide a copy of the above-identified papers (except for any U.S. or foreign patent documents submitted with the above-identified papers) with a statement that such copy is a complete and accurate copy of the above-identified papers (signing and returning a copy of this notice will provide such a statement). The reply to this letter should be submitted to the USPTO by facsimile at the number indicated **703-746-4060(OIPE)**.

Alternatively, the reply to this letter may be hand-carried to the Customer Service Window located in Room 1B03 of Crystal Plaza Building 2, Arlington, Virginia, 22202.

The USPTO **strongly** prefers that the reply to this letter be submitted by facsimile. However, if applicant cannot submit the reply to this letter by facsimile (or hand-delivery), the reply may be mailed to: Box Duplicate OIPE, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 2327, Arlington, VA 22202-2327.

This letter is not a notice under 37 CFR 1.251. However, failure to timely reply to this notice within **two (2) weeks** of the date of receipt of this letter may result in the USPTO issuing a notice under 37 CFR 1.251. A copy of this notice should be included with the reply.

The enclosed papers are a complete and accurate copy of the above-identified papers.

Name: VINCENT J. GNOFFO Registration No.: 44,714

Signature: Vincent J. Gnoffo Date: 10.8.02

